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Wednesday, May 13, 1998

Federal Communications Commission
Secretary of the FCC
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commission:

As a licensed Amateur Radio operator and member of the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service I want to go on record as being strongly opposed to the petition under consideration, RM-9267.

I am active on many Amateur Radio frequencies that promote the public welfare through emergency, disaster and public service communications. The frequencies stated in RM-9267 (420 MHz to 430 MHz and 440 MHz to 450 MHz) are very important to our continued success in serving the public through our work. These frequency band segments include important linking, control, amateur television and repeater systems that are used continuously in Southern California.

Amateur Radio has proven to be a successful secondary user to the military radar operations on these frequency bands. RM-9267 contains no technical solutions to prove that Amateur Radio users could continue to use these bands without serious interference if land mobile communications become the primary user.

Amateur Radio operators in Southern California must continue to be a vital communications resource to the public during emergencies and disasters. If RM-9267 is approved, emergency communication capabilities in our disaster-prone area may be seriously compromised.

Sincerely,



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Wednesday, March 13, 1998

Re: RM-9267

Sirs;

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I have just learned of yet **ANOTHER** threat to the valuable Amateur Radio bands. This time, the Mobile radio service wants to rape our 420-450 Megahertz band! **THIS TRAVESTY CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN!** The 70 CM band is the second-most used VHF/UHF Amateur band, second only to the 2-Meter band!

There are **THOUSANDS** of repeaters in the 440-450 MHz segment of this band, which represent a major investment out of the pockets of us, the Federally licensed Amateur Radio operators. These repeaters are used, not only in the pursuit of our hobby, which we have worked so hard to earn our licenses for, but these frequencies are also used, in addition to the 2-Meter band, to provide communications in emergencies. Time has proven that when a disaster strikes, whether it's a weather emergency, (tornado, hurricane, flood, etc.), or other disasters or emergencies, most of the commercial wireline telephone and cellphone circuits get knocked out, and what's left is so jammed with calls that emergency messages cannot get thorough. Even the emergency services, (police, sheriff, fire, ambulance, etc.), are sometimes unable to have reliable contact with their dispatchers and each other! **Only Amateur radio operators are proven to be able to get messages through under these conditions!** Also, most Hams have access to automatic telephone patches, (Autopatches), which allow us to contact the authorities when we come across auto accidents, or other emergencies. This service is obviously available 24 hours a day, and does not depend upon having a dispatcher or other person monitoring the airwaves in order to get emergency messages through. **It is entirely possible that an Amateur Radio operator COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE OR THE LIFE OF SOMEONE YOU LOVE some day, USING A REPEATER ON THE 440-450 MHz REPEATER SUB-BAND!** I was listening to another Ham just last evening telling of needing to get a report of a flooded street and the cell phone circuits were jammed, but he was able to send a message using his Ham radio.

I am reminded of an emergency communications van I read of not long ago. It is equipped for all forms of emergency communication, including **LIVE television - using the very same 70 CM band which the commercial interests seek to steal from us!** The purpose of this television capability is to allow **LIVE Broadcast-quality picture-and-voice reports** from a disaster scene to disaster control headquarters, (Civil Defense, Red Cross, etc.), to give the authorities up to the second information on conditions. If the band-grabbing Land Mobile service succeeds in **stealing** these frequencies, it will make such coverage impossible. This could result in not only unnecessary loss of property, but considerable preventable loss of life as well!

While it may be true that in **SOME** areas of the country the 70 CM band is underutilized on a day to day basis, I doubt if one could find any area where there are no repeaters on the band, on 24 hour alert for emergencies. We, the Federally licensed Amateur Radio Operators of the United States, are equipped, and ready to provide communications when needed in emergencies. The 420 to 430 MHz segment they are attempting to steal is also widely used for both communication and weak-signal, (including satellite) communications.

I will also remind you that Amateur radio operators have been on the cutting edge of virtually **ALL** of the advances made in communication, from the first rotary spark gaps of the turn of the century, through Radio Teletype, FAX by radio, AM, FM, Single SideBand and Wideband and slowscan television, to the current technology of several forms of digital, and even Spread Spectrum and more additional modes than I have room to list here. Those modes which were not developed privately by Hams were developed by Hams working with others working for the companies that developed them. This illustrates that Radio Amateurs are a valuable resource in the development of new modes of communication as well as communication when all other communications channels fail. But we require spectrum space to make these new developments!

If someone were to **DEMAND** a commercial broadcasting license without going through the proper procedures, I am certain that they would not get it, **but this is exactly what the Land Mobile industry is trying to do!**

In closing, I beg you not to allow this attempt to steal FREE chunks of valuable spectrum space while other commercial interests have to BUY the frequencies they want at auction! Let them buy the frequencies they want, just like the other commercial interests have to do!

Most Sincerely,

Tamara M. Iverson KB9QPM

Tamara M. Iverson, KB9QPM (Extra Class Amateur) and NNN0HQDT (Navy M.A.R.S.)
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Secretary
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Washington DC, 20554

'Dear Sir or 'Madam:

I am strongly opposed to RM 9267. Loss of primary usage of any segment of the 70 cm band is totally unacceptable. If LMCC must have access to these frequencies let them be the Secondary User.

I thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,



Gerald A. Miller, KD5CWZ
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To Whom It May Concern-Rm9267

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It is of great concern that the Land Mobile Communications Council is demanding to take away the 70cm band, and 1390 to 1400mhz, 1427 to 1432mhz, 1670 to 1675 mhz, and a wallooping 85mhz at 960 to 1215mhz by the year 2010. But LMCC is not willing to wait to 2010 to take over the 70centimeter band even though it is the second most used band. In the Seattle area there are many repeaters that use the 70cm UHF bands to link to two meters that cover most of the west side of the state. As amateur radio operators we work on floods or whatever the needs are pretaining to the emergency and the N.W. is over do for an earthquake so they predict. The 70cm bands are linked to two meters to repeaters for a wider coverage for not only regular use but in the event of an emergency of any kind. A few years ago we lost the 220 meter band to a simular type demand, but if the LMCC looks on 220 meters they will find very little use without taking anymore of the amature bands. Being not only a amateur radio operator and a registered voter, I will be watching to see what action you take and vote accordingly. This action needs to be taken by June 1,1998.

Leonard Johnson AA7AH

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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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May 13, 1998

Re: RM-9267

Dear Commission:

I am a licensed amateur radio operator and I am writing to express my strong opposition to RM-9267.

The 70-cm band is the second most popular of the hobby's VHF/UHF allocations, with substantial FM repeater and other operation in the 440 to 450 MHZ segment and a variety of uses in the 420 to 430 MHZ segment. RM-9267 would significantly impact this band.

As you are aware, the amateur radio service is a secondary user, currently sharing the 70-cm band with the US government. Due to the different usage of the spectrum by the primary and secondary users there has been little or no interference by the amateur radio service to the primary user. Interference to the amateur service has not been intolerable. Consequently, being a secondary user to the US government has been a viable sharing of the spectrum.

RM 9267 proposes that the land mobile service would become primary instead of the US government and the amateur radio service would remain secondary. Due to the type of usage of the spectrum by the land mobile service, I feel that this would not be a tenable arrangement. As a secondary user the amateur service can not create interference for the primary user. With land mobile usage most likely being FM communications, the amateur service would clearly not be compatible. Therefore, as a secondary user the amateur service would have no alternative but to cease using the spectrum.

The public service aspect of our hobby provides significant services to our local communities. I am an active member of the City of Placentia R.A.C.E.S. It has been our experience that during any widespread emergency the local 2 meter repeaters are severely overloaded, requiring the use of other spectrum to support our communications effort. Because of this, our group has secured the use of several local 440 MHz repeaters for disaster communications. As it presently stands, this arrangement works very well. Loss of these repeaters would seriously hinder our operations.

Perhaps most important to my family is the fact that four of my immediate family members have amateur radio licenses. With amateur radio, we are closer now than before. In the process, we are learning a lot about radio while communicating. We meet daily on one or more 440 MHz frequencies.

I hope that you will consider my input while RM-9267 is being discussed.

Sincerely,



Don Clement, AC6LC

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Lawton, Ok. 73505
14 May, 1998

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Sect, FCC
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sir;

I wish to state my opposition to the proposed rule making
RM- 9267.

Thanking you for your time, I am

Harold D. Myers

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To: Secretary FCC

RE: Rm ~~9267~~ 9267 (Reallocation of amateur 420-430 + 440-450 MHz fr
to commercial use)

I and my wife are amateur operators and are members of SARA (Stafford (VA) Amateur Radio Assoc.) and are active in the 70cm (400MHz) band. This band is very important to Hams, especially in urban areas where the 2m band is full. We are strongly opposed to any freq reallocation from Amateur use to commercial use.

I note that Amateurs are a valuable asset to the community in cases of emergency and any reallocation will remove incentives for Hams to invest in 70cm equipment which is much needed in any disaster.

Thank you

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J Miller

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TO: Secretary, FCC, Washington, D.C.

15 MAY 1998

SUBJECT: RM-9267

I strongly oppose the petition submitted by the LAND MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL (LMCC) RM-9267.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration in not accepting their request as stated in RM-9267.

Sincerely



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Federal Communications Commission
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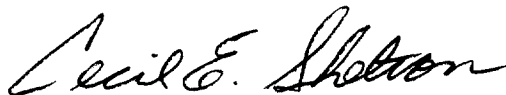
Subject: Oppose RM 9267

Will you please record my opposition to RM 9267.

You are well aware of the great service Amateur Radio Operators have contributed to emergency situations here in Oklahoma and throughout the world. Any reduction in the frequencies available to Radio Amateurs would greatly impair their ability to contribute in these emergencies.

Thank you.

Sincerely



Cecil E. Shelton K5OK Amateur Extra Class

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Attn: RM9267

Secretary
FCC
Washington DC, 20554

May 13, 1998

Joseph S. Reppert WY3T
205 Sousley Road
Lenhartsville, Pa. 19534


I have recently become aware of a request by the Land Mobile Communications Council to reallocate various frequencies for their profit making ventures. Some of these frequencies are in use by various non-profit and public service organizations. I am writing to voice my concerns about their request.

Specifically, I am extremely concerned about the 420-450 MHz band. As you are aware, this band is in use throughout the United States by FCC licensed Amateur Radio Operators. This band is extremely popular in the United States and represents a vital portion of the Amateur Radio community's spectrum. It is utilized for various Public Service purposes, including organized emergency communications during earthquakes, storms, floods and other natural disasters, as well as personal communications.

Amateur radio operators rely on this band to assist various government agencies with their efforts, and have invested millions of dollars of personal funds in equipment for this band. Any change to this band will negatively impact our ability to provide public service and could render our financial and personal investments worthless.

I strongly oppose any changes as requested by the Land Mobile Communications Council and ask that their profit-oriented request be denied.

Sincerely,



Joseph S. Reppert, WY3T
President, Dauberville DX Association

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Secretary, FCC, Washington DC, 20554 5-13-98

Sir,

I want to voice my opposition to RM 9267. My involvement with amateur radio dates back to 1954 when we started experimenting in the VHF and UHF bands. These bands have become very popular with us hams in satellite and general communication as well as experimentation.

It doesn't seem fair, that when we hams get a good thing going and working well, that the LMCC or other commercial organizations want to take it away.

Please don't let this happen.

Sincerely

Richard E. Jones

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Re: RM-9267

I **oppose** Petition for Rulemaking RM-9267, which would give the Private Mobile Radio Service primary use of 420-430MHz and 440-450MHz. Such allocation would make these bands unusable by the Amateur Radio Service. The segment 440-450Mhz is presently much occupied by amateur radio repeaters in my area.

David L. Perry

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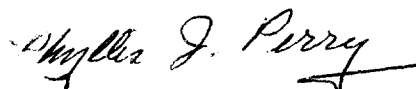
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Phyllis J. Perry
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Dear Mr Secretary
I oppose the wholesale sale
and giveaway of amateur frequencies
now the 70 centimeter band is
under fire again.

It seems that if you have
lots of money you can have any
thing if with that was the
way I could get my amateur
license. but I guess I'll have
to work a little harder.

Motorola and other companies
have lots of money. They also have
lots of engineers that can use
other frequencies their are others
that military and business are
abandoning. There are also some
that are being held because of
lack of use.

We use 70 centimeter
and if the Engineers at Motorola
cant sit down and find some
frequencies that are not in use I
think its a shame.

You took away 22 Gmc. to Uss
and they abandoned its use why
Not give it Back again.

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As I said I worked hard
for my licence.

I would appreciate your
support.

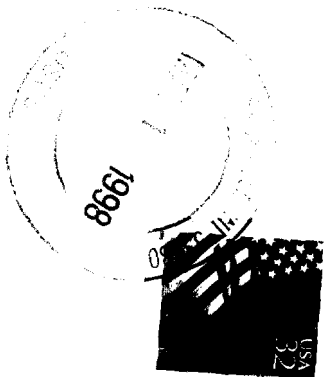
Mark Heilman
N95VE

Thank You

Last thing I don't think it
fair to spring this on the ham
community with so little notice.

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RM 9267
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M ST., NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sir;

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that I am very much against Petition RM 9267 which was filed by the Land Mobile Communications Council. The current utilization of the 70 CM band seems to be working just fine. This proposal is driven by those corporations that care only about making money and not the overall public interest.

The 70 CM band fills a major need not only to government communications but also to thousands of amateur radio operators around the world. I don't need to remind you of the incredible benefits to both health and safety that these hard working volunteers provide on a daily basis. In times of public need, these radio operators, utilizing this part of the frequency spectrum, provide services that would be impossible to buy at any price.

As a law enforcement professional, I have seen the good things that amateur radio can provide. It is imperative that you do not allow any of their valuable frequencies to be taken away. There are many other alternatives that the commercial radio companies can employ to meet their customers needs.

Thank you for allowing me to express my opinion on this matter. I hope you share my views on this subject and that you will act accordingly.

Sincerely,



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